

BETS FAVOR ROOSEVELT

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BETTING ABOUT EVEN ON STATE

Because of the Up-State Outlook, Republicans Think They Will Carry New York for Roosevelt—Vermont Showed What Rural Country Does.

New York, Oct. 19.—The betting odds on the curb in this city are now 10 to 3 in favor of Roosevelt, and even at these figures there is not much Parker money in sight. This is on the general result.

So far as the state is concerned, the betting is about even as between Herrick and Higgins they are considerably smaller than they were ten days or two weeks ago, all of which is believed to indicate that the republican situation here is improving.

Republicans hope to carry New York, especially for the Roosevelt electors, because of what they say is the improved character of the up-state outlook. Rural New York is cut off the same bolt with rural Vermont, and what Vermont will do, it will do. So the republicans argue. There is a good deal of talk about apathy all over the country, and many members of both parties profess to be unable satisfactorily to interpret it. This isn't true of the republican leaders in New York, however. They point to the apathy which existed in Vermont prior to the September election. It is so marked as to cause great anxiety among republicans everywhere. Neither side could arouse enthusiasm. The meetings were poorly attended, the few voters who came did so from a sense of duty, the speakers were chilled to the bone night after night, and the outlook was unpromising. The democrats said: "The vote will be light, and that will mean a falling off of the republican pluralities. Out of every block of ten voters staying at home on election day, seven will be republicans, and only three democrats. This apathy is all in our favor."

Strangely enough, the republicans had no words with which to meet this democratic assertion, and all they could do was to hope for the best and wait for the vote to be counted on election night. Then they discovered that the apathy of the campaign had been due to the fact that the voters had made up their minds what they were going to do. Vermont more than held its own so far as the republican plurality was concerned, and on the basis of the democratic claim, Judge Parker's election was out of the question.

Cannon Not so Anxious.

Speaker Cannon was quoted Saturday as being at a loss to understand the apathy which has taken possession of the people everywhere, but the speaker's anxiety is not as great as he would have the country believe. He campaigned in Vermont this fall, and he knows what the situation is in New York. His Saturday utterance was simply intended to suggest that there should not be any overconfidence on the part of the republicans.

Northern New York is cut off the same bolt with Vermont. Its rural citizens are closely akin to those of the Green mountain state in habits of thought, speech and in political feelings. It is a fair assumption that what Vermont did last month, rural New York will do next month, and that will mean that the Roosevelt electors will come down to the Harlem river with a plurality of anywhere from 150,000 to 200,000, which cannot be offset by any democratic plurality which can be rolled up in Greater New York.

This is the basis of the hope which republicans have that New York this year will be for Roosevelt. Good weather will mean a heavy poll, while bad weather will mean a small poll. In the cities, on the contrary, and it is here that the democratic vote is chiefly located, weather conditions cut no figure either way.

Odell Wants Legal Vote.

Recent activities of the republican state committee in this city indicate that the city vote will be more nearly legal this year than it usually is. Governor Odell, chairman of the committee, who has so much at stake in this campaign, is paying particular attention to the city during the registration period, which is now at hand, and it is said that there will be a total of about 250,000 republican challenges of alleged fraudulent voters who desire to have their names placed on the poll books. Nearly all of these challenges will strike straight at the democrats, whose methods of colonizing and making citizens out of foreigners for election purposes, are well known to the general public.

Early in September, when the question was being raised as to whether Governor Odell was at heart for the president, or whether he was not preparing to give him a formal support on the surface and quietly knife him under cover, it was very generally admitted that the supreme test of the Odell loyalty would be made when it came time to watch the registration of voters in this city. It was admitted that the governor had an organization back of him which would enable him to insure a purer ballot than had been cast in the city for many years. The question was, would he improve his opportunity to cut down the democratic vote, say 50,000, and perhaps more,

or would he, by quiet consent to a fraudulent democratic registration in the east side districts, render more or less ineffectual the work of the rural republicans.

The governor has responded to this test in a very handsome way. His agents are busy in this city checking the registration for foreigners, and for several days the metropolitan press has been filled with accounts of his activities along that line. This work may hold the democratic plurality in greater New York down to 100,000, or even less, and if this should be the case, Roosevelt will surely carry the state, and Higgins may even be elected governor, vindicating Odell and insuring him continued control of the New York republican organization, with an opportunity to further his ambition to come to the senate or be president.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

W. J. Gregor, formerly a Northwestern engineer, is very critically ill at his home in Fremont, and is not expected to recover.

The Modern Brotherhood of America will give a dance at Marquard's hall tomorrow night.

"I have lived in the west for twenty years," said a Norfolk man yesterday, "and I have never before seen so much activity in the building line as at present."

At 10 o'clock this morning in the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. C. W. Kunzman, Miss Jennie Grew Elle was married to Mr. D. E. Lutz of this city. On the noon Northwestern train they departed for Crete, the bride's former home, where they will spend a few days. They will return Sunday night and will make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Kunzman. Miss Grew Elle had charge of a counter at the Johnson Dry Goods store for a number of years and Mr. Lutz is a popular traveling man through this section of the country. Both are well known in Norfolk.

On Monday evening, October 24, Congressman E. J. Burkett of Lincoln will address the people of Norfolk and vicinity in the Auditorium on the political issues of the campaign and will undoubtedly devote a large share of his time to the discussion of the state issues, including the new revenue law and its effects. This is proving to be a campaign of education regarding the new law and the revenues and expenses of the state in general and those who desire information on these interesting subjects will not fail to hear Mr. Burkett. He is a polished platform speaker and none who have heard him will require a second invitation to be present at the meeting Monday night. It will be well worth their while. It was largely a non-partisan audience that listened to Mr. Bryan and the same consideration will undoubtedly be given Mr. Burkett, nee boys scare gophers.

J. B. Burke was in town from Harrison.

G. W. Muller was in town from Creston.

L. V. Stump was in the city from Fremont.

Cloyd West was up from Stanton yesterday.

John Basch was down from Osmond yesterday.

J. H. Fremont was in town from Platte Center.

F. K. Warrick was over from Madison yesterday.

Fr. Kaufe of Winside was a city visitor yesterday.

Ida Verplank was a visitor from Madison yesterday.

George Mitchell was a Norfolk visitor from Osmond.

Mrs. L. M. Hunt was in the city yesterday from Aurora.

D. A. Hancock was a Norfolk visitor from Wood Lake.

Mrs. John Schmit of Osmond was a visitor to Norfolk yesterday.

Harry and Calvin Church were in the city yesterday from Bee.

George W. Hutten of Orchard had business in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Jones were in Norfolk yesterday from Carroll.

Mrs. F. C. Gallagher and Mrs. M. Williams of Johnston were city visitors yesterday.

John Husehman and W. H. Burbach were visitors in Norfolk yesterday from Hartington.

Miss Alvina Miller goes to Pierce to attend the wedding of Miss Clara Ahlman and Mr. Oscar Laman.

Mrs. Franklin Baker, who has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Ball, left today for her home in California. Her husband will meet her at San Francisco.

Mrs. Chas. Tabor arrived in the city last night from Defiance, Iowa, for a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Boeck on East Madison avenue.

New Railroad Office.

The suite of rooms at the rear of the Citizens National bank are being prepared for the Union Pacific commercial agency which that company has established in Norfolk.

ELECTION CAUSES A STIR.

Many Bags of Mail for Campaign Purposes Being Received.

There is a constant rush of business in the congressional headquarters in the Bishop block which rivals that done at the postoffice nowadays. Boys line the stairs as they carry in and out great bags of heavy mail which is being received here from national headquarters and being, in turn, redistributed. Yesterday sixteen bags of mail were brought in, remailed and sent out again.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION

HOW THE CAMPAIGN SIZES UP ABOUT THE STATE HOUSE.

SHOWS FUSION EXTRAVAGANCE

Figures to Indicate Where the Increase in Valuation Has Taken Place Under the New Revenue Law. Greatest in Money, Bonds, Etc.

An examination of the auditor's books reveals the cheering intelligence that the state debt will take care of itself, if existing conditions are maintained. The state buildings which were destroyed by fire have been rebuilt, and those which were allowed to go to decay and ruin under fusion rule have been repaired and made comfortable and sanitary. Those heavy items of expense together with deficiencies left over from the fusion administration have prevented the present administration from cutting down the state debt in the past, even though the most rigid economy was practiced.

The outlook for the future is much more promising; in fact, it is certain that the state debt will be reduced this year, probably to the extent of more than \$100,000, and there is no reason why the same rate of decrease should not be kept up in the future.

The state debt is the least of our troubles now.

Mr. Don C. Despain, deputy commissioner of labor, has been delving in tax statistics for a few days for the purpose of ascertaining what interests have been "struck" by the new revenue law.

The recapitulation of his figures is very interesting. Especial attention is directed to the heavy increase in the valuation of bonds, moneys, credits, etc., and in the assessment of railroads.

On the other hand, the reader should give particular attention to the low rate of increase in the valuations of real estate and live stock—the two items of property in which the farmer is most vitally interested.

You should remember, too, that an increase in valuation does not necessarily indicate an increase in taxes. Keep this important fact in mind while reading Mr. Despain's figures, which are as follows:

Increase in valuation of all property, including railroads, \$196,320,865, or 56 per cent.

Increase in valuation of railroad property, \$19,002,818, or 69 per cent.

Increase in valuation of all property other than railroads, \$87,318,047, or 54 per cent.

Increase in moneys, bonds, etc., \$11,919,175, or 317 per cent.

Increase in real estate, \$61,714,279, or 51 per cent.

Increase in live stock, \$2,970,392, or 16 per cent.

Regarding Economy.

Besides making extensive improvements in the grounds and buildings of the soldiers and sailors' home at Grand Island, the present state administration has cared for its aged inmates as they never were cared for before. The home is more neat and orderly, the beds and other furnishings are cleaner and more comfortable, and the table fare is much better.

Under Governor Poynter's administration, the fusionists confessed to an expenditure of an annual per capita of \$159.87. As is usual with fusion reports, this is incorrect and untrue, for \$12,496.39 worth of products raised on the home farm were not accounted for in the report.

This correction having been duly made, the per capita is found to be \$193.02 per year.

During a similar period under McKinley the per capita is \$159.52.

The saving for each inmate per year is \$23.50, or at the rate of \$17, for the biennium.

Multiply \$17 by 428, the number of inmates in the home, and we have a total of \$20,588 saved by the present administration in two years.

This is economy of the real brand.

Fusion Incomplete.

As election time draws near, the futility of the attempt to bind the democratic and populist forces together becomes more apparent each day. The democrats refuse to vote for the populist electors, and the populists as stubbornly insist upon voting for their own national candidates.

The pretense of fusion upon the state ticket is too shallow to deceive anyone. Populists all over the state are loudly declaring that they never will vote for any man who supports Parker, and the democrats as openly avow that they will not support one of Watson's adherents.

Under such conditions, clerks and judges of election may expect to see the worst scratched and disfigured lot of ballots that ever were cast in this state.

The open declaration of Mr. Tibbles, populist candidate for vice-president, that he expects his followers to vote only for such legislative candidates as will pledge themselves not to vote for Mr. Bryan for senator, has provoked retaliation in the democratic camp and has prevented fusion in several legislative districts where the conventions were held after Mr. Tibbles' position was made known. In the Fifth senatorial district, Sarpy and Saunders counties, and the Twelfth district, Platte county, and the Fifteenth district, Blaine, Custer, Loup

and Valley counties, the political forces have "refused to fuse" this year, and there will be three legislative tickets on the ballot. The same will be true in the following representative districts: Twelfth, Burt county; Twenty-seventh, Saunders; Fifty-Sixth, Custer and Logan; Sixty-seventh, Chase, Dundy, Hayes and Hitchcock.

The voters have not, and will not, fuse.

STORM IS GENERAL.

G. B. Salter of this City Was Relieved to Hear from Sons.

The storm which has been sweeping this city, seems to be of a general nature throughout the northwest. Word from Bonesteel states that the same condition prevails there as in Norfolk, with heavy rain and a cold, cutting wind from the north.

G. B. Salter of this city was considerably relieved this morning when he received word from his sons, Fred and Clarence, at Bonesteel, stating that they had not yet gone out on the reservation. He had feared that they might have gone already out upon the prairie and to be caught in so severe a storm might have resulted badly.

STRIKE MAN AND RUN AWAY

A BRIEF BATTLE WAS FOUGHT ON NORFOLK AVENUE.

FUGITIVES DRIVE TO STANTON

Norfolk Police are Looking for a Man Said to be Pete Best and a Stranger.

They Assailed John Irwin, an Old Hack Driver, Yesterday.

Norfolk police officers are looking for two strangers who came to town yesterday, imbibed too much of the amber fluid, picked a quarrel with John Irwin on Norfolk avenue, struck him down and cut open his head; and then, leaving him wounded, ran to a lively stable, secured their horses and drove out of the city, through Norfolk avenue, and deliberately by an officer who ordered them to halt.

One of the fugitives was said to be Pete Best of Stanton and the other was unknown to the crowd who watched the fight. There was no policeman on the street at the time of the bout but Judge Hayes appointed J. W. Edwards as special officer and ordered the arrest of the fighters.

Edwards met them as they drove out of the barn, and away. He ordered them to stop, they flung their whip into his face, urged on the horses and escaped. It was said a warrant would be issued for them today.

John Irwin, a well known character in Norfolk, who used to drive a hack here and at one time was hurt in a factory here, was standing on the sidewalk on Norfolk avenue, apparently minding his own business. Suddenly the two strangers came along and began to argue with him. Before he had time to realize what they were about, his head struck the pavement and his eyelids were torn open with a long, deep gash. Bleeding and chopped, he arose to find his assailants rapidly leaving. They gave him no chance to get it back at them.

Hurriedly they ran to the lively stable, ordered their team hitched up and drove, pell mell, through the town, east to the Stanton road. They were said at the barn to be employees of a Humphrey nursery.

The one alleged to be Best is quoted as saying that if the other would strike, he would pay the fine.

Plays in Hard Luck.

John Irwin plays in hard luck. It was but a little over a year ago that he was found in the railroad yards of this city, unconscious and severely wounded about the head. He was picked up and carried, apparently lifeless, into the city building, where surgeons sewed his wounds. It wasn't known whether he had fallen against a car or been slugged and robbed. At that time he was in the employ of Owens Brothers, contractors.

ALBION WILL MISS NEEDHAM.

Report From Hotel Man's Home City Says He is Good Stuff.

Albion, Neb., Oct. 19.—Special to The News: J. E. Needham, Albion's pioneer hotel man and one of Albion's best citizens, informs the reporter of The News at this place that it is his expectation to leave our city and go to Norfolk where he has purchased the business of the Pacific house in that city. Needham is a man of a great deal of experience in that line and has for several years been the owner of the Albion house of this city. For a great many years he has been in the hotel business and has more than a local reputation as a hotel man. His acquaintance among the transient public is broad and that he will make a success of the new venture is but the question of a few months until a demonstration will prove that he will succeed.

The Needham family is one that will be greatly missed in all circles of Albion society and business and while Norfolk gains, we lose, Mr. J. E. Stewart, who for several years has been in Mr. Needham's employ in the hotel, will accompany him to Norfolk and assist in taking charge of the new business. Henry Thomas has purchased the cigar business which Mr. Needham has been conducting in this city and he will also occupy the Needham home on Fourth street.

TRAVELING MEN JOSH HIM

ARE BOTHERING JUDGE ALTON B. PARKER TO A DEGREE.

EACH SENDS A DAILY POSTAL

Upon Which is Printed the Record of the Democratic Candidate, as They See it—It is a Stinging Missile, Coming From Five States.

When the traveling men of any one section of the state begin to do a thing, they generally succeed. When the commercial travelers of five states attempt to harass a presidential candidate, with a foundation for all the fun, there is no reason to suppose that they should give any great comfort to the politician. And that is just what the traveling men of Nebraska, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri are doing.

Every traveling man in those five states is getting into the game. Every single man of them sends to Judge Alton B. Parker, every day in the week, a postal card which will at least show the democratic candidate where he is at with the boys. The postal reads as follows:

"Your record: 1896 silver; 1900 silver; 1904 gold.

"Will an honest man forsake principle to gain office?"

"Is Honesty, with you, a Policy or a virtue?"

"Would you rather be Right than President?"

"—A Traveling Man."

Coming from each traveler in these five states every day, Mr. Parker must be receiving several thousands of these unwelcome postals every mail. It is safe to suppose that he doesn't look them all over personally. It is safe to suppose, too, that he has read some of them and that he knows they are coming. It is not improbable that he would like to have them stop coming. No doubt several private secretaries are kept busy reading the things.

Like flies, however, Mr. Parker can not get rid of them. He may brush them off today, but tomorrow the whole flock, ever increasing, hops up again to bother him—to remind him of his record.

One traveling man from Indiana was in Norfolk yesterday. He had 200 of the postals, which he was distributing around among his friends in order that they might all get a poke at the judge. He said every one of them would find its way to Parker before election.

AT KANSAS CITY STOCK SHOW

Two Ranches Known in This Territory are Well Represented.

A former Norfolk man is creating a stir at the famous Kansas City stock show. E. C. Harris of Chadron, who was at one time superintendent of the Elkhorn railroad with headquarters in Norfolk, has gone to Kansas City with a bunch of excellent blooded stock which are expected to take a number of fine prizes. A catalogue says:

"The Western Land & Cattle company, of whom Mr. E. C. Harris is president, is one of the Sand Hill ranches that is making an enviable record as a producer of superior Herefords. They will be represented at the Royal show with a consignment of hardy, well doing set of steer calves and it is safe to presume that their former prize winning records will not suffer in the contest this year. Mr. Harris says their exhibit is to show the kind they raise and that they have plenty on their range that are just as good."

The Stanton Breeding Farm of Madison is also represented. The catalogue says of this ranch:

"Marshall Field, the merchant prince of Chicago, owner; Mr. Thomas Mortimer, the veteran Hereford expert, manager. They will have a lot of young Herefords to offer you. Everything that can be obtained by the liberal purchasing of prize winning bulls, and cows and careful and skillful management has been expended on the cattle they will send to the show. The list of prizes won by the farm in the past, is a matter of record."

The show is said to be the greatest in the world, excepting the show held at the world's fair.

but at any moment. Since the rain commenced to fall two inches of moisture have been contributed to an earth that was already pretty thoroughly soaked, and that which has been falling since yesterday has formed in puddles and ponds, until the month has the additional credit or discredit of doing something exceptional in this line of weather endeavor. Last night and yesterday almost an inch of water was precipitated from the lowering and leaking skies, and there has been a cessation of activity in many lines.

Corn husking is out of the question. Sugar beets cannot be harvested. Grain threshing is not to be thought of. Building activities are suspended as far as out-door work is concerned. In fact all kinds of outdoor labor is taking a rest whether it needs it or not.

There is a suspicion in the minds of those who have had a previous acquaintance with Nebraska weather that the final result of the weather activity will be a freeze-out, and if it comes it will find people unprepared, and they cannot get prepared in this sort of weather. The roads are badly cut up and a freeze would make them almost impassable.

In the matter of rainfall the month is again crowding the record. October is usually a dry month. In fact dryness in this section of country usually begins in September and stays until April, but this October is on record now with more than three and one-half inches of rainfall and the month is but a little more than half gone. The average precipitation in October for twenty-six years through the state is an inch and a half. Last year the precipitation was 2.42 in Norfolk for the month, which was above the state average, but this year is going it some stronger.

TRAIN WAS DELAYED.

Union Pacific Cars Went in a Ditch Near Columbus.

The Union Pacific freight train between Norfolk and Columbus, which should have reached Norfolk at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, was delayed three hours by a slight wreck near Columbus. The train was six hours late leaving Norfolk.

Early Risers

THE FAMOUS LITTLE PILLS.

For quick relief from Biliousness, Sick Headache, Torpid Liver, Jaundice, Dizziness, and all troubles arising from an inactive or sluggish liver, DeWitt's Little Early Risers are unequalled.

They act promptly and never gripe. They are so dainty that it is a pleasure to take them. One to two act as a mild laxative; two or four act as a pleasant and effective cathartic. They are purely vegetable and absolutely harmless. They tonic the liver.

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